



How Can We Guard Against the Deceptive Use of Anointing Oil in Modern Church Practices?

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Dangers of fake pastors and anointing oil. In recent times, we have seen a troubling rise in so-called church leaders and pastors selling what they call Miracle oil, promising healing, prosperity, and breakthroughs. A big portion of the church is turning into a gambling den. Many of these false prophets source their "miracle oils" from witches and occult practitioners, using evil spirits to perform counterfeit miracles. Every Christian knows the benefit of genuine anointing oil, but did you know that Satan is now using fake pastors to pervert this sacred instrument of spiritual purity? As we go deep into this topic, I hope to show the truth of God's word, expose the dangers of these practices, and encourage us to seek genuine faith and discernment.

Anointing oil has a rich and sacred history. In the Bible, it was used to consecrate priests, kings, and holy objects. In [Exodus 30:22-33](#), God gives Moses specific instructions on how to make the holy anointing oil and commands that it be used exclusively for sacred purposes. While this oil symbolized the presence and power of the Holy Spirit in the Old Testament, we now have the actual Holy Spirit dwelling within believers through Jesus Christ. Yet sadly, those who reject Jesus continue to manipulate and commercialize oil, trying to replicate what was merely a shadow of the true spiritual reality we now have in Christ.

In the New Testament, we also see the use of anointing oil. In ancient Jewish culture, oil was commonly used for its medicinal properties, which adds deeper meaning to [James 5:14-15](#), where we read, *"Is anyone among you sick? Let them call the elders of the church to pray over them and anoint them with oil in the name of the Lord. And the prayer offered in faith will make the sick person well; the Lord will raise them up."* Here, the anointing oil is used in conjunction with prayer and faith, emphasizing that while oil had practical healing properties, it is ultimately God who heals, not the oil itself.

However, in recent times, we have witnessed a distortion of this sacred practice. Some so-called church leaders and pastors have turned anointing oil into a commercial product, promising miraculous results for a price. This practice is not only dangerous but also a grave misuse of something sacred. Anointing oil has become a conduit for deception and magic in some churches.

There are numerous examples of such deceptions we all see out there. For example, in a certain church, a pastor hypnotized a woman to choose a husband, after anointing her with oil. After becoming like demon-possessed or loosing mind, she will show you the husband now; she will go down three, in public see it. Another pastor bathed his female members publicly in Jesus' name. Another pastor prayed for a woman who subsequently lost 10 pounds instantly in the middle of a church service. All of these are nothing more than deceptions but there are even more.

Additionally, many of these pastors claim to cast out demons using anointing oil, but their actions are far removed from Scripture. They often chant repetitive mantras (inviting evil spirits) such as *"fire!", "holy ghost!", or "fall down!"* over and over. During these sessions, people start falling to the ground, some begin crying uncontrollably, while others exhibit bizarre behaviors like uncontrollable laughter or animal-like sounds. These manifestations are falsely attributed to the Holy Spirit, when in reality, such repetitive chanting and unusual behaviors are more indicative of hypnotic or demonic influence rather than genuine spiritual experiences.

Some claim they can bestow miraculous powers on others by pouring oil over them in questionable ceremonies. These claims directly contradict Scripture, as the gifts of the Holy Spirit come only from God, given according to His will, as stated in [1 Corinthians 12:11](#). Such practices not only deceive but also trap followers spiritually, binding them to the dark forces these pastors claim to fight against. In their spiritual bondage, followers often begin calling these pastors "Daddy" or "Mommy"—a manipulative tactic meant to establish control and dependence. Jesus explicitly warned against this practice in [Matthew 23:9](#), saying, *"And do not call anyone on earth 'father,' for you have one Father, and He is in heaven. 'heaven.'"* Through these unhealthy attachments, false pastors imprison their followers spiritually. These false prophets weave spiritual traps that bind their followers through demonic influence. Many who become ensnared find it difficult to break free, as they develop unhealthy spiritual attachments to these leaders. In these last days, such false prophets work relentlessly to *"anoint"* and *"seal"* their followers, preparing to present them to their true master—Lucifer. The choice stands before us: will you choose God's house or Satan's deception?

Some false prophets go even further by using so-called holy water or holy soil, often marketed as being sourced from Israel, to exploit their congregants. Others are known to possess occult objects such as rings, staffs, or necklaces, claiming these items are sources of divine power. In truth, these objects often serve as conduits for demonic influence. Such practices reveal a chain of Satanic false teachers and prophets, operating as forerunners of the biblical Antichrist and the False Prophet of the end times, as even occultist Alice Bailey ([1957,p281](#)) admitted.

While Satan aims to enslave many and lead them to eternal death, the dangers are numerous. One major threat of deceptive anointing oil from ungodly sources is its potential to lead people into idolatry. When people place their faith in the oil rather than in God, they are essentially making an idol out of a substance. [Exodus 23](#) warns us, *"You shall have no other gods before me."* Our faith and trust must be in God alone, not in any object or substance, no matter how holy it is claimed to be. When anointing oil comes from ungodly sources or is misused by individuals with malicious intent, it can become a conduit for demonic influence rather than a symbol of God's blessing and healing. That is why the Bible warns us to be discerning and cautious. As stated in [1 Peter 5:8](#), *"Be alert and of sober mind. Your enemy, the devil, prowls around like a roaring lion looking for someone to devour."* Believers must ensure that their spiritual practices, including the use of anointing oil, are rooted in genuine faith and aligned with biblical teachings to protect themselves from such dangers.

Another danger is the potential for deception and exploitation. Jesus warns us in [Matthew 7:15](#), *"Watch out for false prophets. They come to you in sheep's clothing, but inwardly they are ferocious wolves."* These so-called Miracle oils are often sold by individuals who prey on the vulnerable and desperate, promising quick fixes and easy solutions. This not only exploits people's faith but also undermines the genuine work of God in their lives.

Consider the story of Simon the sorcerer in [Acts 8:9-24](#). Simon was a man who practiced sorcery and amazed the people of Samaria with his magic. When he saw the apostles laying hands on people to receive the Holy Spirit, he offered them money, saying, *"Give me also this ability, so that everyone on whom I lay my hands may receive the Holy Spirit."* Peter rebuked him sharply, saying, *"May your money perish with you because you thought you could buy the gift of God with money."* This story serves as a powerful reminder that the gifts and blessings of God cannot be bought or sold.

The commercialization of anointing oil also poses a danger to the purity and integrity of the church. In [2 Corinthians 2:17](#), Paul writes, *"Unlike so many, we do not peddle the Word of God for profit. On the contrary, in Christ, we speak before God with sincerity, as those sent from God."* The church must remain a place of sincerity, where the word of God is preached with integrity and where the sacraments and symbols of our faith are treated with reverence.

Let us also consider the emotional and spiritual harm that can come from these practices. When people use these so-called Miracle oils and do not receive the promised results, it can lead to disappointment, disillusionment, and even a crisis of faith. [Proverbs 13:12](#) tells us, *"Hope deferred makes the heart sick, but a longing fulfilled is a tree of life."* False promises and empty hopes can cause deep spiritual wounds and lead people away from God, rather than closer to Him. [Psalm 20:7](#) says, *"Some trust in chariots and some in horses, but we trust in the name of the Lord our God."* Our trust must always be in God alone, not in any man-made object or commercial product. The power of anointing oil lies not in the oil itself, but in the God who sanctifies it and the faith of those who use it in accordance with His will.

So, what can we do to protect ourselves and our churches from these dangers? First, we must be discerning. [1 John 4:1](#) urges us, *"Dear friends, do not believe every spirit, but test the spirits to see whether they are from God, because many false prophets have gone out into the world."* We must carefully examine the teachings and practices of those who claim to represent God, ensuring they align with scripture. Second, we must educate ourselves and others about the proper use of anointing oil. It is a symbol of God's presence and power to be used with reverence and in accordance with biblical principles. It is not a magical potion or a commercial product but a sacred tool for ministry and healing. Lastly, we must place our trust wholly in God. [Hebrews 11:6](#) reminds us, *"And without faith, it is impossible to please God, because anyone who comes to Him must believe that He exists and that He rewards those who earnestly seek Him."* Our faith must be grounded in the character and promises of God, not in any object or ritual.

In conclusion, the misuse of anointing oil in today's churches represents a grave spiritual crisis. These false prophets aren't merely deceiving people - they're actively marking their followers for Satan through counterfeit anointings. Ask yourself: Who truly receives your worship when you submit to these practices? What spirit are you really inviting into your life through these *"miracle oils"*? The time for spiritual fence-sitting has passed. As we witness the acceleration of end-time deceptions, each believer must make a decisive choice: Will you remain in these compromised churches where leaders *"anoint"* and *"seal"* their followers for their true master - Lucifer? Or will you choose the pure, undefiled worship of the Living God?

Remember, Satan's greatest deception isn't in making people deny God, but in making them believe they're worshipping God while serving darkness. With the rapture drawing near, the stakes have never been higher. If you find yourself caught in these deceptive practices, flee immediately. Don't wait for tomorrow - your eternal destiny hangs in the balance today. May the Holy Spirit grant us discernment to recognize these wolves in sheep's clothing, courage to stand firm in biblical truth, and wisdom to guide others away from these satanic deceptions. The hour is late, but God's grace still abounds for those who sincerely seek Him. Choose this day whom you will serve. Amen.

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